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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SAVING AND RETRIEVING PIN CODES

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies documents submitted to establish the U.S. national stage of the above-identified international patent application under 35 U.S.C. §371.

The original claims of the PCT application were not amended during the international processing. Before calculation of the filing fees and before examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the original as-filed claims as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS. A marked up version of the amended claims is appended hereto to show all of the revisions made to the original claims.

## REMARKS

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees and to restate the inventive subject matter in clear terms. None of the amendments are intended to narrow any element of the International Application No. PCT/EP00/04781 Attorney Docket: KOLB3001/JEK

claims as they stood prior to amendment. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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